GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Female Students under SSA
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of female students enrolled in schools under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan has increased during the past three years;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the percentage of female students enrolled in such schools, State/UT-wise;
(c) if not, the reasons behind poor enrolment of female students in such schools and the details of steps being taken by the Government to address this issue;
(d) whether any incidents of caste and gender discrimination under the SSA scheme have been reported; and
(e) if so, the details of such incidents as well as steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to address such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)
(a) to (c) : The female students enrolled in schools under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan for the past three years are as under:-
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Year I-V (Primary) VI-VIII (Upper Primary)
Number % Number %
2013-14 63836863 48.20 32343903 48.66
2014-15 62892034 48.19 32663923 48.63
2015-16 62249548 48.21 32873623 48.63
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The above enrolment figures show an increasing percentage share in overall enrolment both in primary and upper primary level. The State and UT wise details are at Annexure.
Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Scheme has targeted interventions for girls which include opening of schools in the neighborhood to make access easier for girls, appointment of additional teachers including female teachers, free textbooks, free uniforms, separate toilets for girls, teacher sensitization programmes to promote girls participation, gender-sensitive teachinglearning materials including textbooks, residential hostels in habitations unserved by regular schools and also for children without adult protection. In addition Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBV) have been opened in Educationally Backward Blocks where the female rural literacy is below the national average to provide for residential upper primary schools for girls.
(d) and (e): Whenever any complaint regarding caste and gender discrimination is received by the Central Government, it is sent to the concerned State Government with a request to enquire and take prompt action on the matter.
The Government of India has issued guidelines dated 26th October, 2012 to all States/UTs for implementation of clause (c) of Section 8 and 9 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 regarding non-discrimination of children belonging to disadvantaged groups and weaker sections in schools, requesting the State Governments and local authorities to take appropriate steps to ensure that all schools adhere to these guidelines.
The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan includes strategies to provide teacher training to sensitize teachers on inclusion and non-discrimination and training of Headmasters/Principals for School Leadership so that they help establish inclusive schools. Curriculum and textbooks also emphasize value of equity and inclusion. Grievance redressel systems from grass root level to the National Council for Protection of Child Rights have also been set up by the State and Central Government to deal with such issues, under the RTE Act.
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